



A
DECLARATION
Of the
Lords and Commons
Assembled in
PARLIAMENT.

Concerning the Abuses lately done
by severall persons in the County
of *Essex*.

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Veneris 2. Septemb.

*It is this day Ordered by the Lords and
Commons, That this Declaration be
forthwith printed and published.*

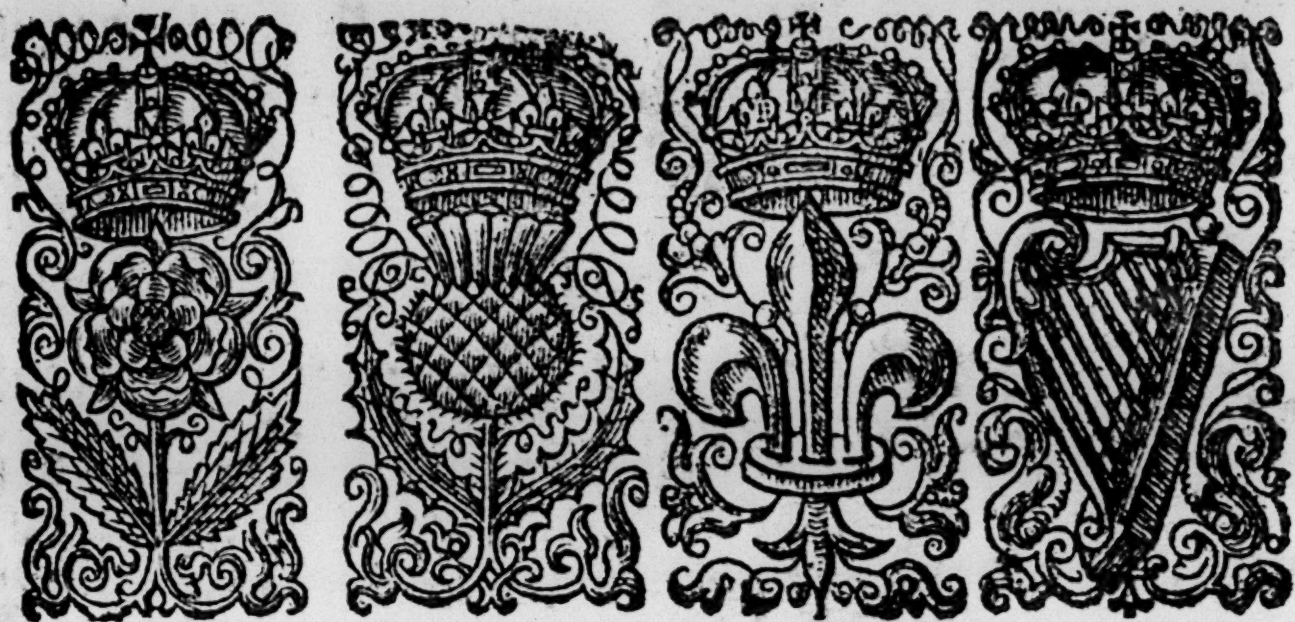
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Die Veneris, 2 Septemb. 1642.

THe Lords and Commons having lately sent Sir *Tho. Barrington*, and Master *Grimston* into the County of *Essex*, for the appeasing and quietting of divers assemblies of people gathered together in great Bodies, who had much damnified the houses, and taken the goods of divers persons, without Law, or other Authority; and having received a report from Sir *Tho. Barrington*, being returned, That the people, upon the first knowledge given them that the Parliament required they should forbear the searching of

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any houses for Arms or Ammunition, or the taking goods out of any house otherwise then is or shall be directed by the Parliament, or without the assistance of some of those persons who are by both Houses of Parliament declared that they ought to be present, the people did hereupon speedily yeeld obedience, and withdrew themselves in a peaceable manner, and as they were required, did make restitution of Plate, Monie, and many other goods by them taken from such as were pretended to be Popish Recusants, and other malignant persons; and that they had expressed great zeal and forwardnesse to comply with the Directions of the Parliament for the future.

The Lords and Commons do therefore declare, That they resent the aforesaid expressions of the people, and their ready obedience, as a testimony of that dutifull affection which they bear to the Parliament, and to the present service of the Kingdom; and do hereby Order and Declare, That all persons whosoever, that have taken either Monie, Plate, or any other goods, out of the house
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or houses, or from the persons of any whatsoever, without the speciall Command or Order of both or either House of Parliament, shall forthwith restore the same to the parties from whom they were taken, or otherwise be proceeded against as the Lords and Commons shall further direct, upon complaint made: And as both Houses of Parliament have been, and will be very carefull to preserve the peace of the Kingdom, by disarming of all Recusants, and such others as shall be known, or justly suspected to be enemies thereunto, and to the pious and good endeavour of this Parliament; and to that purpose have by a Declaration passed by assent of both Houses, upon the 23 of *August* last, expressed what persons shall be intrusted for the managing of that service:

They do hereby further Order and Command, That no person whatsoever do presume, either alone, or accompanied with others, to break, or violently enter into the house of any whosoever, under colour or pretence of disarming Recusants, or other persons pretended to be enemies to the peace
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of the Kingdom, without the particular command of such as are entrusted or deputed by the Parliament.

And it is further declared, That speciall and speedie care be taken herein for the security of the Kingdom, and particularly for the Countie of *Essex*, from whom they have received so many expressions of their duty to the service of the Publique, though the Parliament cannot but let them know, that severall violent actions by some of them unwarrantably committed, are extremely disallowed: But as the Lords and Commons declare, That they shall be ever readie to give assistance and protection to all such as shall obey the Commands of both, or either Houses of Parliament, So they do resolve, That they will inflict exemplarie punishment on all such, according to their demerits, as shall be refractorie and disobedient to these their Commands made known to them, and by all good wayes and means will further endeavour to bring them to a legall triall for such their offences. But for the encouragement of those who have been forward and
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active in the service of the Common-wealth,
It is thought fit to give them notice, That
those eight horses taken from Sir *John Lucas*,
and brought up to the Parliament by Sir *Tho.*
Barrington, and intended by Sir *John Lucas*
for the strengthening of a malignant partie,
are delivered by command to the Lord Gene-
rall, to be by him employed for the prefer-
vation of the Kingdom; and the Parliament
hath caused the said Sir *Jo. Lucas*, and Master
Newcomin to be committed to severall Pri-
sons; And it is resolved that they shall be
brought to their severall trials, and receive
such punishment as shall appear to be just,
according to their demerits: And like pro-
ceeding shall be had against all such as shall
be found disturbers of the Peace of that
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Hen. Elsynge, Cler. Parl. D. Com.

